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Pay it forward
The Fourum recants an act of kindness that makes a student's weekend

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One student shares her woes about certain gen-ed classes

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Two for three
The baseball team goes 2-1 against TCU over the weekend

Spring game features dynamic offense



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

The first team defense struggles to tackle sophomore redshirt quarterback **Daniel Sams** during the spring game held at Bill Snyder Family Stadium on Saturday. Sams will compete with junior college transfer Jake Waters for the starting position in the fall.

Sams, Waters impress fans, coaches



Sean Frye

If Saturday's spring game proved anything, it's that no matter who wins the quarterback battle between junior Jake Waters and redshirt sophomore Daniel Sams, both players seem ready to fill the void left by Collin Klein's graduation.

Waters opened the game with the purple team, which was composed of the starters on both offense and defense. However, K-State head

coach Bill Snyder said that Waters' placement with the purple team was simply a matter of a coin toss and not necessarily an indication that Waters held the edge in the race.

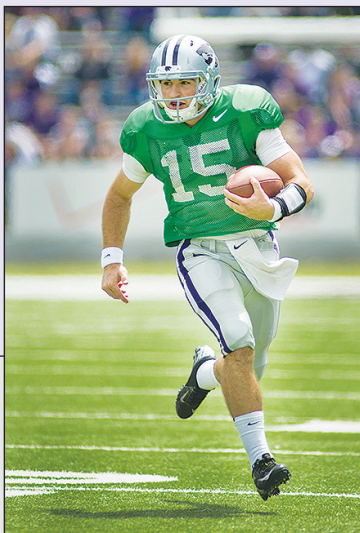
Both quarterbacks looked impressive in the spring game, although they played primarily against the second-string defense.

With the purple team, Waters threw for 249 yards and three touchdowns on 14-of-18 passing, while

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Quarterback **Jake Waters** runs for a first down during the spring game Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium. Waters, a junior college transfer, turned down Penn State to play as a Wildcat.



John Zetmeir
staff writer

The K-State football team took to the field on Saturday for the 2013 spring game, which ended with a final score of 41-38 in favor of the white team. Head coach Bill Snyder flipped the score of the game at halftime, meaning it was in fact the purple team that ultimately won the game 76-3.

There was a lot on display for fans wanting to get their first look at next season's team. Construction closed off the entire west side of Bill Snyder Family Stadium, but that did not stop more than 16,000 fans from attending Saturday's game.

"Well, I did not see any grass grow. Let us put it that way," Snyder said. "They get a little boring, I think, after a while if you are watching, hopefully for myself and our coaches it is not that way. Like any time,

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National news briefs

Austin Nichols
news editor

Kansas Wheat Innovation Center celebrates opening

The Kansas Wheat Innovation Center, a state-of-the-art wheat research and office complex located at K-State, celebrated its official ribbon cutting and open house on Friday. The center cost \$10.3 million and is funded by grant money from the Kansas Wheat Commission, the Kansas Bioscience Authority, private fundraising and wheat check-off funds collected from Kansas wheat producers.

The 35,000-square-foot facility is located on the north of end of K-State's campus off of Kimball Avenue. The structure includes 15,000 square feet of advanced wheat breeding laboratories, a 10,000-square-foot greenhouse complex and 10,000 square feet of office space.

According to an April 9 press release on ksuwheat.com, lab space is occupied by Heartland Plant Innovations, which is a Kansas wheat initiative currently focused on reducing the time it takes to develop new varieties of wheat. In addition to Heartland, the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Wheat Commission, the Kansas Wheat Alliance and the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom all have offices located at the center.

The commission broke ground on the project in October 2011 and was completed by November 2012.

Kansas Senate committee considers additional bonds for NBAF

A Kansas Senate Ways and Means Committee is preparing to weigh a proposal authorizing additional state bonds to help finance the construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, formerly located on Plum Island, N.Y.

Gov. Sam Brownback said Friday that legislators need to quickly approve \$202 million in new bonds for the ongoing budget problems with the facility, according to ksn.com.

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New ordinance allows city manager to cancel or reschedule fireworks displays

Maria Betzold
staff writer

The city of Manhattan recently amended its fireworks ordinance, under which Manhattan residents are only allowed to shoot off fireworks from July 1 to July 4 from 8 a.m. to midnight.

The amendments, which were approved April 2, include banning the use of aerial luminaries, or floating lanterns, as well as granting the city manager the right to cancel and/or reschedule fireworks shows.

For example, if there is inclement weather on July 4, the city manager can allow residents to shoot them off the following Saturday from 8 a.m. to midnight instead. The amendment would also allow the city manager to cancel fireworks displays due to extremely dry weather and burn bans.

John Matta, mayor of Manhattan, said one of the problems with fireworks is that people set them off at times when they disturb others.

"There are problems with fireworks even during the Fourth of July," Matta said.

Matta also explained that the ordinance, which allows fireworks displays at other times with the proper permit, is in place to allow residents some leniency in their celebrations.

"This allows some to have fun with fireworks," he said.

Throughout the year, busi-

"We regulate sales and make sure they are legal. Usually the only time we allow them for the public is the first through the fourth [of July]."

Rick Stillwagon
Manhattan Fire Marshal

nesses can apply for special permission to shoot off fireworks; however, residents cannot. For example, New Year's Eve in Manhattan is celebrated each year with the Little Apple New Year's Eve Ball Drop in Aggieville.

Businesses apply to the city of Manhattan for permission to set up and shoot off fireworks for the occasion.

Matta clarified that when a business applies for permission to shoot fireworks, the Manhattan Fire Department is involved with the process. It also helps regulate firework sales within the city.

"We regulate sales and make sure they are legal," said Manhattan Fire Marshal Rick Stillwagon. "Usually the only time we allow them for the public is the first through the Fourth [of July]."

According to Matta, if residents are caught shooting fireworks outside of the days and times designated within the ordinance, they are subject to criminal enforcement. According to Stillwagon, the Riley County Police Department enforces the city ordinance.

Alex Vo, freshman in biological systems engineering, thinks that this ordinance is here to stay.

"Blowing stuff up is a special, once-a-year type of thing, like Christmas," Vo said.

Puppy love: Delta Sig Dogs



Emily DeShazer | Collegian

Maggie Klug, freshman in open option, makes a new friend in front of the Delta Sigma Phi house on Sunday. The fraternity teamed with Gamma Phi Beta to raise over \$5,500 for Four Paws Rescue.



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Today's Cryptquip Clue: E equals F

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ARREST REPORTS

Thursday, April 25

Joshua Jeremiah Mitchell, of Cedar Point, Kan., was booked for aggravated assault, domestic battery, driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license, use or possession of drug paraphernalia and probation violation. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Marquay Dreshaun Haralson, of Ogden, was booked for possession of opiates, opium, narcotics or stimulants, possession of paraphernalia to grow or distribute marijuana and unlawful possession of hallucinogens. Bond was set at \$10,500.

Scott Albert Pittenger,

homeless, was booked for possession of opiates, opium, narcotics or stimulants and probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Alberto Martinez Banuelos, of the 2500 block of Farm Bureau Road, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$25,000.

Alejandro C. Avila, of Kansas City, Kan., was booked for failure to appear and ag-

gravated escape from custody. Bond was set at \$21,500.

Ashley Lynn Newbrough, of the 2400 block of Charolais Lane, was booked for burglary of a dwelling, felony obstruction of the legal process and felony theft. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Clinton Lee Brooks, of the 2200 block of College Avenue, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Keshayla Unique Smith, of the 2200 block of College Avenue, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Todd Michael Newbrough, of the 2400 block of Charolais Lane, was booked for burglary of a dwelling, felony theft, felony obstruction of the legal process and computer crime. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Mose Edward Allen, of the 1000 block of Colorado Street, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Salena April Wolf, of the 2600 block of Georgetown Place, was booked for sale or distribution of stimulants, use or possession of drug paraphernalia and no Kansas drug tax stamp. Bond was set at \$13,000.

Shameke Caesar Strong, of Keats, Kan., was booked for sale or distribution of stimulants and no Kansas drug tax stamp. Bond was set at \$20,000.

Kyle Robert Plaiace, of the 2900 block of Nelson's Land-

Wild Weekend
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It's a mad, mad, mad, mad world ...

Looks like Pi Phi is still in the winter spirit. Just take a drive by their house!

To the guy talking about global cooling: I literally know where you sleep.

Dance like no one is watching, poop like no one can hear.

Nice to see house moms thanked by a few. It is deserved.

If an artist does not release a live album in their career it is a good sign that they probably lip sync live.

Congratulations to the K-State singers on their wonderful, entertaining performance last night!

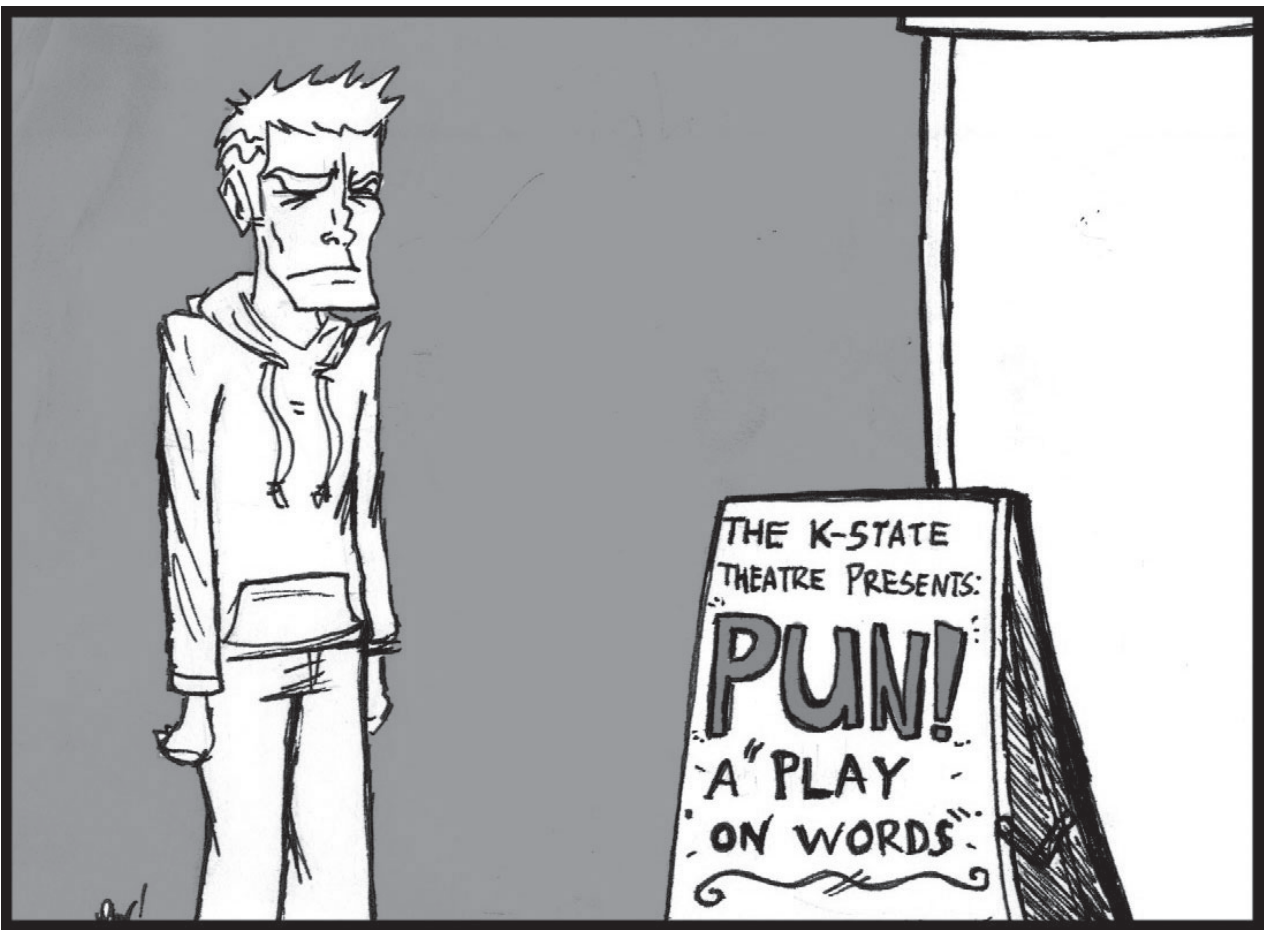
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Seriously, Robert Rose? It's only the spring game. Quit being so cocky. Getting up and high kick walking off makes you look like an idiot.

I would like to thank the safe ride guy that dropped my drunk ass off on Hartford and gave me a doughnut. You are a good dude.

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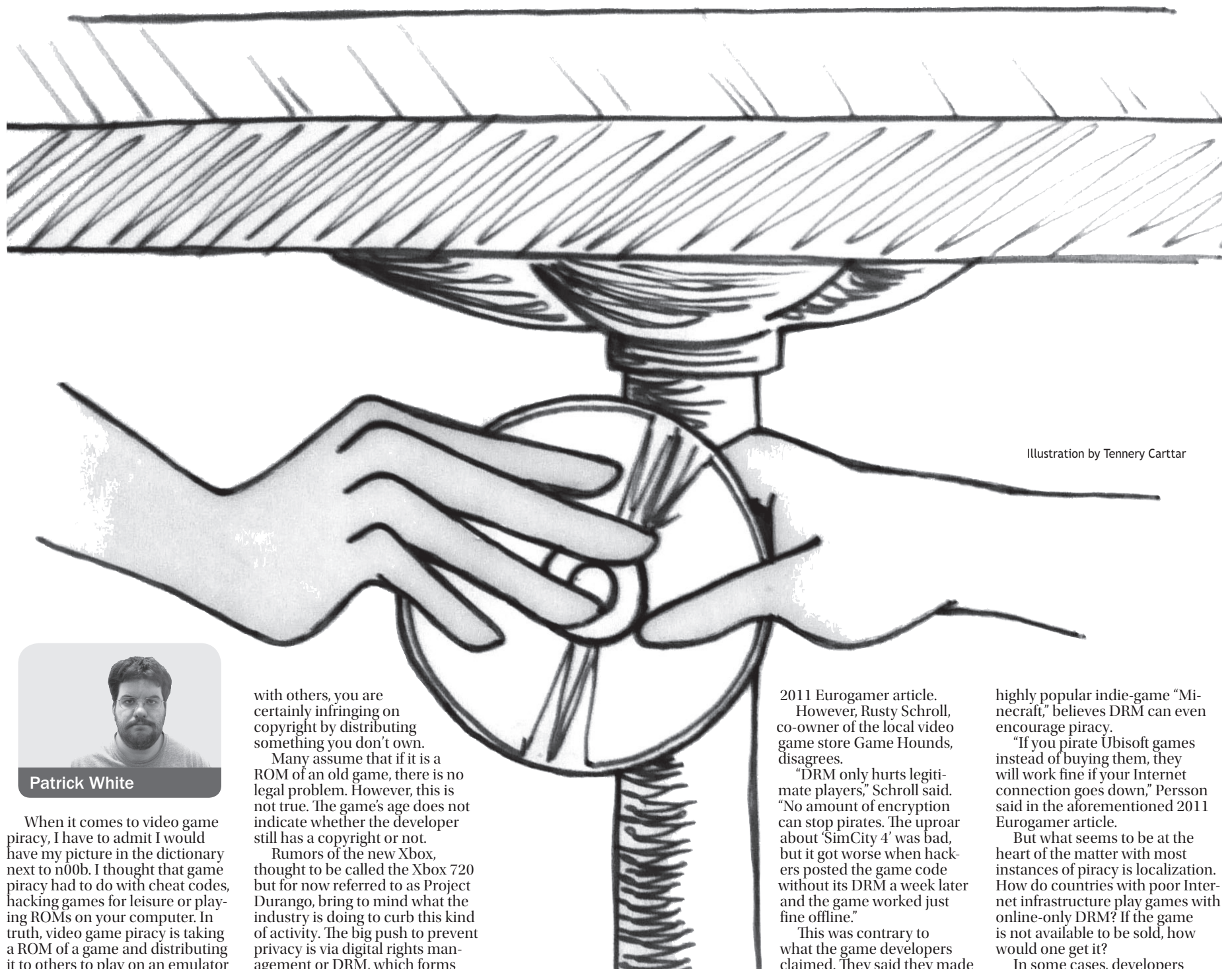


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Patrick White

When it comes to video game piracy, I have to admit I would have my picture in the dictionary next to n00b. I thought that game piracy had to do with cheat codes, hacking games for leisure or playing ROMs on your computer. In truth, video game piracy is taking a ROM of a game and distributing it to others to play on an emulator without requiring them to buy the game.

ROM stands for read-only memory. It is the file format that games come in so the player cannot make alterations to the game, like adding in insane power-ups or infinite resources.

Most people do not know whether or not ROMs are illegal because of a provision in copyright law for fair use. Many believe that you can legally have a ROM of a game you own. However, even if you have a physical copy of the game, it's still illegal to download it, and it is also illegal to rip content from a DVD or a game disc. When you share it

with others, you are certainly infringing on copyright by distributing something you don't own.

Many assume that if it is a ROM of an old game, there is no legal problem. However, this is not true. The game's age does not indicate whether the developer still has a copyright or not.

Rumors of the new Xbox, thought to be called the Xbox 720 but for now referred to as Project Durango, bring to mind what the industry is doing to curb this kind of activity. The big push to prevent piracy is via digital rights management or DRM, which forms the teeth of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, which took effect in 2000. In the form of DRM that is currently popular, the console performs a constant check via the Internet to ensure that the console is actually playing a legal copy of a video game. Currently, people hate it.

Two recent instances put the future of the constant Internet connection check in doubt. "SimCity 4" and "Diablo III" are two computer game titles that had massive issues because of DRM. The games couldn't even run because the servers kept crashing from the sheer number of users and the computing power

necessary to validate their games. Blizzard eventually fixed the issue with "Diablo III," but it took about a week, leading to angry speculation about why the game's servers weren't prepared for the volume of traffic they received when the game launched.

Yet developers and industry officials are saying that it is a necessary evil.

"At the higher end, you can see 90 percent illegitimate usage to 10 percent legitimate," said Christian Svensson of Capcom and the PC Gaming Alliance in a September

2011 Eurogamer article.

However, Rusty Schroll, co-owner of the local video game store Game Hounds, disagrees.

"DRM only hurts legitimate players," Schroll said. "No amount of encryption can stop pirates. The uproar about 'SimCity 4' was bad, but it got worse when hackers posted the game code without its DRM a week later and the game worked just fine offline."

This was contrary to what the game developers claimed. They said they made "SimCity 4" an online game to improve game play instead of just to implement DRM.

Schroll was also not pleased with the idea that another feature of the new Xbox would seek to remove the secondary market of used video games.

"When you hear companies and developers cite that used games along with piracy costs them sales, it's absolutely not true," Schroll said. "Retailers pay publishers upfront for copies of their games. By the time the games go on sale in stores, they already have their money. It is up to retailers then to sell them."

Markus Persson, creator of the

highly popular indie-game "Minecraft," believes DRM can even encourage piracy.

"If you pirate Ubisoft games instead of buying them, they will work fine if your Internet connection goes down," Persson said in the aforementioned 2011 Eurogamer article.

But what seems to be at the heart of the matter with most instances of piracy is localization. How do countries with poor Internet infrastructure play games with online-only DRM? If the game is not available to be sold, how would one get it?

In some cases, developers might have to admit that the amount of hassle it takes to get the game outweighs the idea of obeying the law. In many of his reviews, Ben Croshaw, well-known game critic of The Escapist's "Zero Punctuation," jokes about how he doesn't get to play games because of the low release rate of many games in Australia. Perhaps if we fixed the problems in these smaller markets, DRM wouldn't be such a big need for the bigger ones.

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Classes meant to 'weed out' STEM students unfair to non-majors



Jakki Thompson

As the semester winds down, I am finishing up some of my general education requirement courses. Some of these courses are requirements for students majoring in those fields, such as Principles of Biology and Traditional College Algebra.

These courses are also used as "weed-out" courses for the majors and minors of their respective departments. I have struggled this entire semester in these two general education courses.

One of my professors this semester asked me what the class was like for someone who was a non-major student taking a class that is used to weed out students from the major for which it is required. I had to sit and ponder on that question, as I didn't know how to answer it respectfully in front of her.

From my experience at K-State, students who take required core classes for general education requirements have an unfair disadvantage within the courses. These "weed-out" courses are actually discouraging students from staying in these majors. Many of the majors that require passing such courses fall within the realm of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM.

According to an April 19, 2012, article from U.S. News and World Report by Jason Koebler, "Nearly half of all students who begin studying for a STEM degree switch majors, according to several studies. 'Weed-out' classes, curve grading and a lack of faculty involvement are to blame."

It is important to look more closely at these factors, especially at K-State.

STEM programs are important to and within the university, especially as K-State

continues to approach goals set in the ultimate K-State 2025 master plan. Creating weed-out courses for STEM programs discourages students from wanting to stay in the programs. If students who are non-STEM majors take these classes, they struggle even more than people who are planning on going into these fields.

I respect the decision to make these courses more difficult for students who actually plan on pursuing these majors. I would like future doctors or researchers to be well-versed in their fields and to have passed their college courses with good grades. The problem, however, starts when students like myself take these courses and feel even more discouraged about STEM-based classes. Every time I go into the Principles of Biology room, I feel defeated before the

class even begins.

Educators know that there are some students who tend to be much more successful at things like math and science and others who are more successful at art and music. When students in art courses sign up for classes like Principles of Biology or Traditional College Algebra without knowing there are easier courses, they may become discouraged by the grade they receive in the class.

Many have suggested that students who are non-STEM majors shouldn't take these weed-out courses and should take easier life science or math courses. This puts students like me between a rock and a hard place. I am paying for my education, so I want to be able to take full advantage of what K-State has to offer. I could take

an easier course, but I would rather take a more difficult course and know that I tried my hardest.

There are a lot of factors that determine which courses

students need to take in order to be successful in their majors. One of the most important things to understand concerning weed-out courses is that they detrimentally affect all

students. Either these courses need to be re-evaluated or there should be a non-major alternative for them.

Education is important. We are all, hopefully, here to receive an education. It's disheartening to be taking courses because you want to learn and then have them become too difficult for you to want to continue. There are many challenges in education from preschool through doctoral programs. This is just something for people to ponder from a non-STEM major who has to take courses designed to weed out STEM majors.

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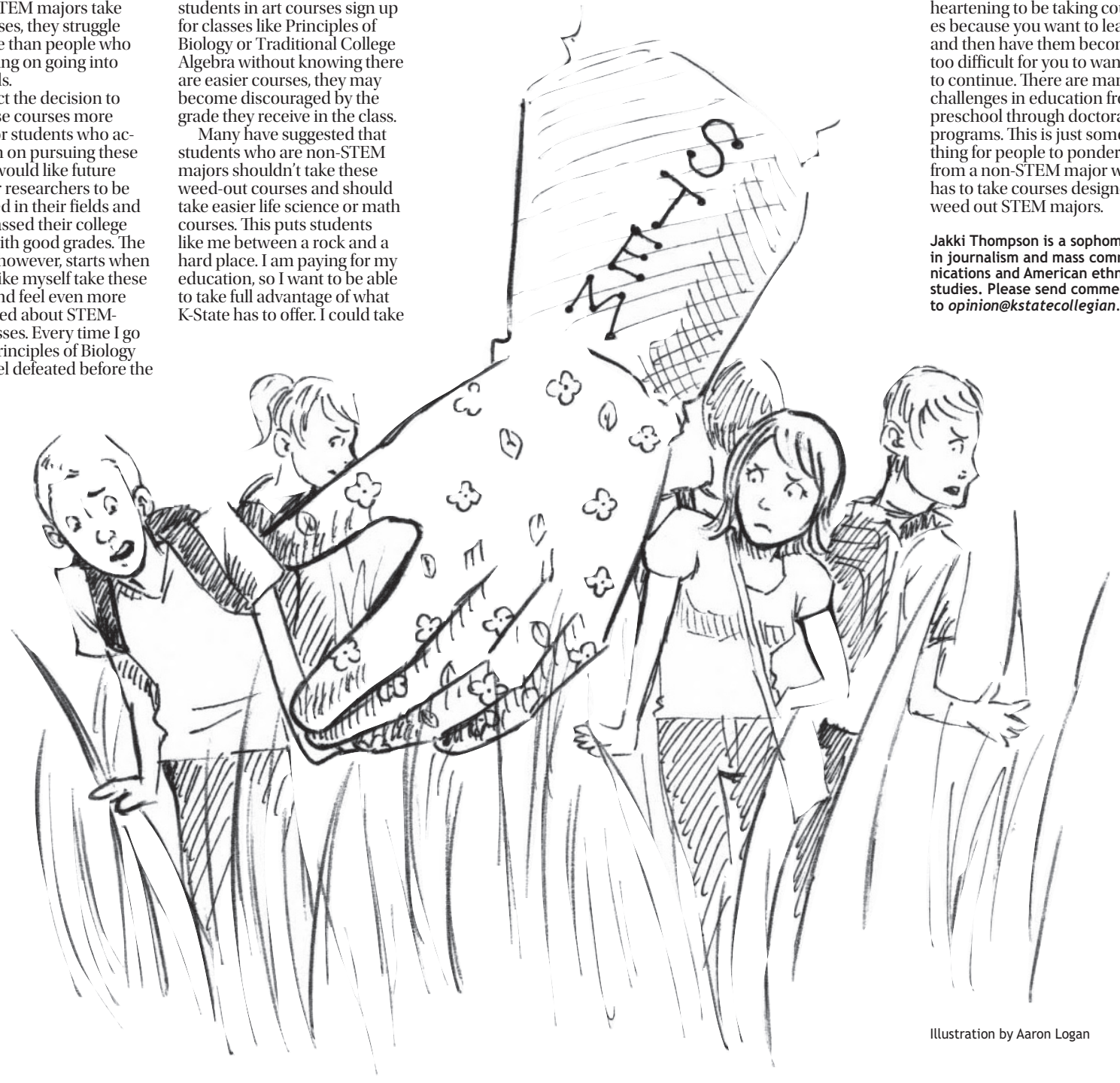


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Weekend of sunshine: K-Staters take advantage of warm weather



Enjoying the nice day in front of Goodnow Hall, **Hunter Anne Postier**, freshman in kinesiology, plays volleyball with her fifth floor dorm mates on Sunday. Students could be found all over campus enjoying the warm weather.



Roommates **McKynzie Mann**, freshman in animal sciences and industry, and **Adrienne Eisenhaur**, freshman in kinesiology, soak up some sun in front of Goodnow Hall Sunday. Temperatures reached over 80 degrees on Sunday after snowfall last Tuesday.

QBS | Snyder still making decision

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Sams went for 391 yards and four touchdowns on 18-of-28 attempts. While Sams put up more yards, it took him more pass attempts to do so, and he had 10 incomplete passes compared to Waters' four. Nonetheless, both players looked ready to take the job in the fall. When asked, coach Snyder said even he was not sure which prospective quarterback was more qualified. "I cannot give you a distinct answer right now until we sit down and scrutinize things a little more closely in regards to this game as well as the other 14 practices," Snyder said. "I saw some very positive things with both of them." Snyder said the play of the second-string defense was only "basic," but he was pleased with the quarterbacks' ability to throw the ball and manage the clock. Other Wildcat players were also impressed with how their two quarterbacks looked on Saturday. "As a linebacker, they are both great quarterbacks," said senior Tre Walker. "With Sams, you have to worry about him running for a

first down with his quarterback scramble. With Jake, you have to worry about being at the right place at the right time because as a quarterback, he is very accurate and can do what he did today." While stats say one thing, the eye test says another. And both Sams and Waters passed that test

"It's a work in progress. I'm getting comfortable with a lot of the stuff, but I have a long way to go."

Jake Waters
junior quarterback

with flying colors on Saturday. Sams proved he could throw the deep ball with great accuracy and also that he can scramble out of the pocket and pick up big chunks of yards. He got over 50 yards rushing despite the game's two-hand touch rule concerning the quarterbacks. As for Waters, he made throws that Klein simply couldn't last year. In the first quarter, Waters was forced to leave the pocket

and throw on the run on third down. In a full sprint, he rocketed a deadly accurate pass to senior wide receiver Torell Miller, who caught it and got the first down. Overall, Waters seemed more capable of making the tougher throws on Saturday. However, it was clear that Sams has much more familiarity with the offense after spending a year as Klein's backup. Waters will look to continue to develop his chemistry with the offense over summer camp. "It's a work in progress," Waters said. "I'm getting comfortable with a lot of the stuff, but I have a long way to go. But I'm getting comfortable, and I started getting into a groove today." As for Sams, he is looking to simply try to focus on what he can control and let the rest sort itself out. "I try not to worry about [the quarterback position]," Sams said. "I just concentrate on what I control, which is what I do in the huddle, what I do with the offense, and just let everything else come with it."

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Redshirt sophomore quarterback **Daniel Sams** (far right) goes over the next play with his team during the annual spring game on Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium.

BRIEFS | Suburb of Detroit evacuated

Continued from page 1

Brownback said it would be best to resolve the financing as soon as possible. The committee scheduled a hearing on the proposal last Thursday and the full legislature will reconvene May 8 to wrap up the business for the year, according to an April 25 article from WIBW. President Barack Obama has proposed a federal budget of \$714 million to build the facility at K-State. The project is expected to cost a total of \$1.15 billion; Kansas has already issued \$105 million in bonds. **Fire at Detroit oil refinery** The Marathon Detroit Refinery ordered an evacuation Saturday after a fire erupted just

before 6 p.m. Eastern time, according to the Detroit Free Press. Residents living in Melvindale, a suburb near the refinery, were also ordered to evacuate. Shane Pochard, a spokesman for Marathon, told the Detroit Free Press that the fire began in one of the small tanks at the refinery. According to CBS, the refinery's private firefighting operation put out the flames around 8 p.m. The Detroit CBS affiliate reported that police gave residents the "all clear" to return to their homes around 8:30 p.m. None of the refinery workers were injured and there is no word yet on what caused the fire.

President Obama appoints transportation secretary

President Barack Obama is set to nominate Anthony Foxx, mayor of Charlotte, N.C., to be the next Secretary of Transportation today, replacing former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. LaHood announced his retirement earlier this year. Foxx was first elected mayor in 2009 and gained prominence after Charlotte hosted the Democratic National Convention last year, CBS News reported. Foxx became a candidate because he oversaw the wide expansion of transportation infrastructure in the largest city in North Carolina. The expansion included the Charlotte/Douglas International Airport and the LYNX light rail system. LaHood's departure leaves Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel as the only Republican in Obama's cabinet.

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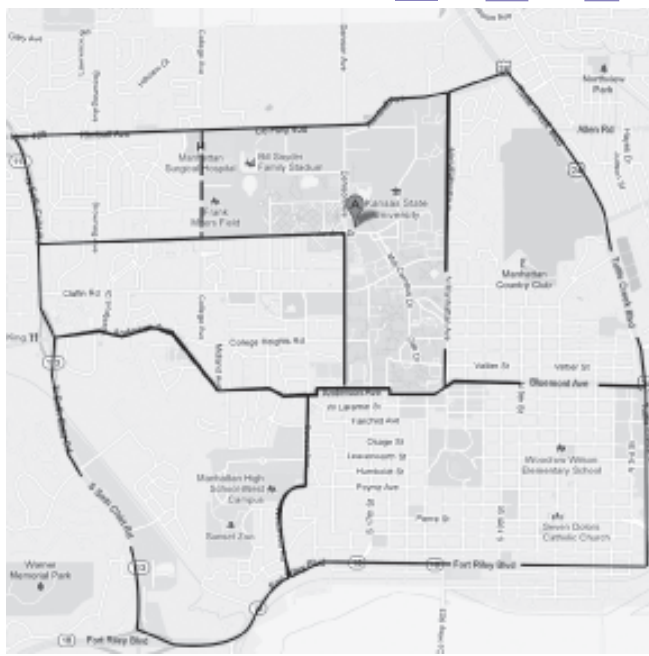
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